

# Export of mastic samples from Melkhoutboom Cave objects and two hafted implements, Albany Museum

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## Letter

### In terms of Section of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Ms Margaret-Ashley Veall  
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**Proposing to export 77 samples of mastic obtained from stone tools excavated from Melkhoutboom Cave in 1969, as well as two hafted implements, all currently housed in the Albany Museum. This study is a component of a doctoral project on the chemical characterization of hafting adhesives from Later Stone Age site in South Africa and Lesotho.**

Dear Ms. Celeste Booth and Margaret-Ashley Veall,

Thank you for your application to temporarily export 78 samples of mastic from stone tools from Melkhoutboom Cave and two hafted implements, accessioned by the Albany Museum, Grahamstown, for chemical analysis (SEM and EDX) at University of Oxford, UK, from February to October 2016. SAHRA has reviewed the application and has decided to approve it.

We wish you every success with this project.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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Ragna Redelstorff  
Heritage Officer

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## ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/354587>

## Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.